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JMS RUSSEL METALS CORPORATION TO EXPAND JACKSON PROCESSING FACILITY
Steel and Aluminum Products Distributor to Invest \$2.5 Million, Create 26 New Jobs

**NASHVILLE** – Tennessee Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bill Hagerty along with JMS Russel Metals Corporation officials today announced the company will expand its steel plate processing facility in Jackson by investing \$2.5 million in new equipment to allow additional processes to be done in-house. The expansion will result in the addition of 26 new manufacturing jobs in Madison County.

"Under Gov. Haslam's leadership, net new manufacturing jobs have increased significantly here in Tennessee, placing our state among the top 10 states in the nation for job creation in this sector," Hagerty said. "We strive to create a business-friendly environment to support the growth and success of incumbent industries, and I appreciate JMS Russel Metals' efforts to spur job creation in Jackson and for the company's continued investment in Tennessee."

"We are pleased to announce our continued investment in our Jackson operation and want to thank our customers for the loyal support in West Tennessee," Russel Metals, Inc. Chief Operations Officer John Reid said. "As Jackson is home to JMS, it is exciting to see this location continue to expand. We appreciate the efforts made by the state of Tennessee and Jackson Chamber of Commerce whose focus on growing the existing industrial base as well as recruiting new industry to the area is very refreshing."

JMS will add 17,000 square feet of additional warehouse space in order to accommodate a new plasma/oxy cutting machine with bevel head, drilling, taping and milling capabilities.

"JMS Russel Metal Corporation's expansion of their existing plant in Jackson is good news and I'm confident that they will continue to see success in this highly competitive industry," Jackson Mayor Jerry Gist said. "This expansion validates that Jackson continues to be a strong location for existing industries and we are grateful for JMS Russel Metals' decision to further invest in our community."

"I want to thank JMS Russel Metal Corporation for its continued investment in Tennessee and the new jobs created in Madison County," Madison County Mayor Jimmy Harris said.



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"Companies like JMS Russel Metals Corporation highlight the importance of existing industries in creating jobs. We appreciate what JMS Russel Metals Corporation has done for us."

JMS Russel Metals Corporation is a full-line distributor of steel and aluminum products with eight strategically located southern facilities. JMS is owned by Canadian-based Russel Metals, Inc. which is one of the largest service centers in North America.

Interested persons can apply for available positions at 1320 E. Chester St. in Jackson.

## About the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development

Tennessee was named "2013 State of the Year" for economic development by Business Facilities magazine. The Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development's mission is to develop strategies which help make Tennessee the No. 1 location in the Southeast for high quality jobs. The department seeks to attract new corporate investment in Tennessee and works with Tennessee companies to facilitate expansion and economic growth. Find us on the web: tn.gov/ecd. Follow us on Twitter: @tnecd. Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/tnecd.

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